

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Kirkbride et al.

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For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR CONVERTING OIL SHALE OR TAR
SANDS TO OIL

Group Art Unit: 1764

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Examiner: Leung, Jennifer A

AMENDMENT & REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment & Request for Reconsideration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in response to the final Office Action dated September 13, 2006. This response is being filed concurrently with an Extension of Time and the appropriate government fees extending the due date for response until March 13, 2007. A Request for Continued Examination is also filed herewith. For the Examiner's convenience:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper;
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper; and
- **Authorization** to charge additional fees to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 is on page 14 of this paper.